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means for sending a predetermined program code

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An information distributing apparatus according

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the program code has a password;
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the second request includes an identifier code

15. An information distributing apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the determining means allows the second request when the password in the second request is a valid password and the identifier code to identify the second information is included in the database.

17. An information distributing apparatus according to Claim 16, further including a database for storing therein certain number of previous passwords and a current password.

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    the program code includes an encryption key to
encrypt the second request;

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the second request includes information obtained by encrypting an identifier code to identify the second information according to the encryption key; and

the determining means further includes means for verifying to determine whether or not the second request can be decoded.

19. An information distributing apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the determining means allows the

25. An information receiving method for an information user unit to receive information via a communication path from an information providing unit, comprising the steps of:

receiving a program code from the second
information providing resource;

receiving from the second information providing resource the second information for which quotation is allowed by the second information providing source according to the second request.

the program code has a password used by the second information providing resource to determine whether or not transmission of the second information quoted is allowed and

the second request includes an identifier code to identify the second information to be quoted and the

27. An information receiving method according to Claim 25, wherein

the second request includes information obtained by encrypting an identifier code to identify the second information according to the encryption key.

a client as the information user unit receives the first information via the communication path from the first server and receives from the second server the second information quoted in the first information and allowed for transmission.

a client as the information user unit receives the first information via the communication path from said common server and receives from said server the second information quoted in the first information and allowed for transmission.

30. An information user unit for receiving information via a communication path from an information

providing unit, comprising:

means for receiving first information from a first information providing resource;

means for issuing a request to a second information providing resource for a program code;

means for receiving a program code from the second information providing resource;

means for generating, according to the program code, a second request to receive from the second information providing source second information quoted in the first information and for transmitting the second request to the second information providing source; and

means for receiving from the second information providing resource the second information for which quotation is allowed by the second information providing source according to the second request.

31. An information user unit according to Claim 30, further including means for displaying or outputting the first information and the second information simultaneously.

32. An information distribution method of distributing information from an information providing unit via a communication path to an information user unit, comprising the steps of:

transmitting first information from a first information providing resource to an information user unit;

issuing a first request from the information

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means for determining in response to the second request whether or not the second request is allowed according to at least identifying information included in the second request.

acquires from the second request an identifier code (ID) specifying second information for which quotation is allowed in the second information resource;

allowing the second request when an identifier of the first information corresponds to an identifier code specified by the second request in the database.

the predetermined program code has a password;
the second request includes an identifier code
to identify the second information to be quoted and the
password; and

the determining means further includes means for collating the password in the second request received from

the information user unit with a valid password.

36. A computer program product according to Claim 35, wherein the determining means allows the second request when the password in the second request is a valid password and the identifier code to identify the second information is included in the database.

37. A computer program product according to Claim 36, further including means for frequently changing a password in a program code to be sent to the information user unit.

38. A computer program product according to Claim 34, wherein:

the program code includes an encryption key to encrypt the second request;

the second request includes information obtained by encrypting an identifier code to identify the second information according to the encryption key; and

the determining means further includes means for verifying to determine whether or not the second request can be decoded.

39. A computer program product according to Claim 38, wherein the determining means allows the second request when the second request can be decoded and the identifier code to identify the second information is included in the database.

40. A computer program product according to Claim 39, further including means for frequently changing an encryption key in a program code to be sent to the information user unit.

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